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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI MAN PLEADS GUILTY

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Azaryahu Tucker**, 22, Kansas City, Missouri, entered a guilty plea on May 10, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to one count of misprison of a felony.

Melgren said that Tucker admitted at his plea that on January 21, 2004, he accompanied co-defendant Rahmon D. Allen to a parking lot in Overland Park, Kansas, where Tucker inspected a machine gun that Allen was considering purchasing. Allen purchased an M-16 machine gun and a silencer from an undercover Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives agent. Tucker admitted that he knew that Allen was engaged in the illegal purchase of firearms and he failed to take action to notify any person of authority that a federal offense was occurring. Allen and Tucker were immediately arrested after the purchase and the weapons were recovered.

Tucker faces a maximum of three years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for July 26, 2004.

Co-defendant **Rahmon D. Allen**, 20, Kansas City, Missouri, entered a guilty plea on March 30, 2004, **to one count of possessing a silencer and one count of possessing a machine gun.** Allen faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. Sentencing is set for June 14, 2004.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.